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Guide to Disaster Preparedness and Response

The following websites provide information that will help Michigan's state agencies and local governments prepare for and respond to disasters. While protecting life and property are the top priority in a disaster, it is important to protect records as well. As hurricane Katrina continues to demonstrate, when you lose government records, buying and selling land, solving criminal cases, receiving health care and financial assistance, and fulfilling the basic administrative, fiscal and legal functions of government becomes very difficult.

American Library Association http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/disasterpreparedness/distrprep.htm

Association of Records Managers and Administrators, Intl. http://www.arma.org/pdf/articles/EmergencyManagement.pdf http://www.arma.org/pdf/articles/DisasterAllSizes.pdf

Council of State Archivists
http://www.statearchivists.org/arc/states/res_disa.htm

Conservation Online http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/

Disaster Recovery Journal http://www.drj.com

Disaster Recovery Yellow Pages http://www.disaster-help.com

Federal Emergency Management Agency http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/response.shtm

Heritage Emergency National Task Force http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/TFresources.html

Library of Congress http://www.loc.gov/preserv/pubsemer.html

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Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage http://www.macch.org/disaster.php

Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1593 3507---,00.html

National Archives and Records Administration

http://www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/services.html http://www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/general.html http://www.archives.gov/preservation/disaster-response/guidelines.html

National Park Service

http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/conserveogram/21-02.pdf

Northeast Document Conservation Center http://www.nedcc.org/welcome/disaster.htm http://www.nedcc.org/plam3/index3.htm

Smithsonian Institution http://www.si.edu/scmre/takingcare/guidelines.htm

Society of American Archivists, MayDay: Saving our Archives 2006 http://www.archivists.org/mayday/MayDayActivityList.pdf

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http://www.solinet.net/preservation/